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SUBJ: PRC DIPLOMAT COMMENTS ON SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS

1. DURING APR 23 CONVERSATION ON INDIAN RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH CHINA AND CHINESE RECIPROCITY, PRC EMBOFF ASKED EMBOFF, "WHY DON'T YOU TOO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH INDIA?" CHINESE SAID HE HAD SOVIET-INDIAN RELATIONS IN MIND. EMBOFF THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT LATELY INDO-US RELATIONS WERE LOOKING UP. CHINESE SAID HE THOUGHT INDIA'S DESIRE TO SHED SOME OF THE AURA OF ITS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE USSR BEFORE THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE MIGHT HAVE PLAYED A PART IN INDIAN DECISION TO RETURN AMBASSADOR TO PEKING. CHINESE VIEWED THE EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADOR PURELY IN A BI-LATERAL CONTEXT WHICH WOULD NOT AFFECT CHINESE RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES OF SOUTH ASIA. CHINESE EMBOFF SAID
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PRC WOULD NOT NAME AN AMBASSADOR UNTIL NARAYANAN

ARRIVES IN PEKING.

2. WELL INFORMED INDIAN CORRESPONDENT G.K. REDDY REPORTED ON APRIL 24 THAT THE CHINESE CHARGE MA MU-MING HAS DEPARTED DELHI FOR PEKING AND PRESUMABLY CONSULATIONS ON THE NEXT STEP IN THE PROCESS OF A "PROGRESSIVE IMPROVEMENT OF SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS." REDDY, WHO OFTEN REFLECTS INDIAN MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS THINKING, SPECULATED THAT SINCE INDIAN AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE NARAYANAN IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN PEKING ONLY TOWARDS THE END OF JUNE, THE NEW CHINESE ENVOY IS NOT LIKELY TO REACH DELHI BEFORE SEPTEMBER AT THE EARLIEST. REDDY FURTHER COMMENTED THAT THE ARRIVAL OF THE NEW CHINESE AMBASSADOR MAY COINCIDE WITH THE OPENING OF THE PAKISTAN MISSION. REDDY ASSUMES INDO-PAK MOVES FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE SIMLA DIALOGUE WOULD HAVE MADE SOME HEADWAY BY THEN IN CLEARING THE HURDLES TO RE-ESTABLISHING NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.
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